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FOR EA/ HEGINBOTHAM AND EB/OA STYLES

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: U.S.-JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A) TOKYO 6540 B) STATE 103438

1. DIRGEN NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION FOREIGN MINISTRY YAMAZAKI CALLED IN EC MINISTER LATE MAY 6 TO EXPLAIN THAT GOJ EXPECTED NEXT WEEK'S TALKS TO BEGIN WITH IMMEDIATE ISSUES BUT THAT GOJ ALSO EXPECTED TO HEAR LATEST U.S. VIEWS ON REVISION-RELATED ISSUES AS WELL AS TO DISCUSS TIMING OF FURTHER TALKS ON REVISION.

2. EC MIN REPLIED THAT HE HAD TOLD DEPT AFTER CONVERSATION MAY 5 WITH ASAO, WHO WAS REACHED AT HOME ON JAPANESE HOLIDAY, THAT GOJ HAD AGREED TO DISCUSSIONS ON TERMS OUTLINED STATE 101268 AND THAT WE COULD NOT PREDICT WHAT WASHINGTON'S REACTION WOULD BE TO LATEST GOJ POSITION.

3. GENIUNE CONFUSION APPEARS TO HAVE ARISEN FROM FACT THAT, DESPITE FACT WE READ DETAILS OF SCENARIO TO ASAO, HE MUST HAVE BELIEVED HE WAS MERELY REITERATING VIEWS ALREADY CONVEYED BY MOFA TO JAPANESE EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY TO DEPT (APPARENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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ROESCH) RE GOJ INTENT TO DISCUSS BOTH IMMEDIATE AND REVISION ISSUES NEXT WEEK.

4. WE STRESSED IN DISCUSSION WITH YAMAZAKI THAT GENIUNE PROGRESS ON IMMEDIATE ISSUES WAS LIKELY TO REQUIRE ALL WEEK AND THAT SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF REVISION ISSUES WOULD, IN ANY CASE, BE DIFFICULT OWING TO THE SMALL SIZE OF THE US DELEGATION AND

PENDING PROGRESS ON UK NEGOTIATIONS.

5. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE WAFFLING FROM THE JAPANESE SIDE AS TO HOW MUCH TIME AND WHAT EXTENT OF DETAIL THEY EXPECT TO DISCUSS REVISION NEXT WEEK. WHILE SOME SPOKE OF SPLITTING TIME HALF AND HALF, OTHERS WERE LESS CATAGORICAL. AS TO AMOUNT OF DETAIL, YAMAZAKI SAID GOJ WOULD LIKE TO HEAR "U.S. PRELIMINARY COMMENTS" ON LONGER RANGE ISSUES. IN ANY CASE, FOR THEIR INTERMINISTERIAL PURPOSE, JAPANESE WILL HAVE TO HAVE SOME DISCUSSION OF REVISION ISSUES.

6. COMMENT: WE URGE THAT STYLES MAINTAIN HIS PLANS TO COME AS SCHEDULED DESPITE THE CONFUSION THAT HAS ARISEN. WE THINK THERE IS GOOD FORWARD MOMENTUM TOWARD RESOLUTION OF IMMEDIATE ISSUES AND THAT THIS MOOD, WHICH CAN HELP SET THE TONE FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, SHOULD NOT BE BROKEN. END COMMENT.

7. BUTTON WILL BE AVAILABLE AT HOME, TELEPHONE 473-1088, UNTIL 8:30 A.M. TOKYO TIME SATURDAY MORING AND THEREAFTER AT EMBASSY. SHOESMITH

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